

Senate Study Bill 3230

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
1 3 RESOLUTION BY CHAIRPERSON FRAISE)
1 4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
1 5 Environmental Protection Agency to take all actions
1 6 necessary to provide American consumers with the
1 7 opportunity to use higher ethanol blended gasoline
1 8 for general use in conventional engines.
1 9 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is the leading producer of corn
1 10 in the United States, with over 2.5 billion bushels harvested
1 11 in 2007, the largest harvested crop in the history of Iowa;
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1 13 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is the leading producer of
1 14 ethanol in the United States, with nearly 2 billion gallons
1 15 produced in 2007, the largest annual ethanol supply produced
1 16 in the history of Iowa; and
1 17 WHEREAS, from 1991 it has been the policy of the State of
1 18 Iowa, as codified in Iowa Code chapter 159A, to encourage the
1 19 development and use of fuels and coproducts derived from
1 20 agricultural commodities in order to increase the production
1 21 and consumption of renewable sources of energy, to reduce
1 22 dependency upon petroleum products, and to reduce atmospheric
1 23 contamination from the combustion of fossil fuels; and
1 24 WHEREAS, studies funded or supported by the Energy
1 25 Foundation, National Science Foundation, and Renewable Fuels
1 26 Association, as well as a literature review commissioned by
1 27 the Governor's Ethanol Coalition, all confirm that ethanol is
1 28 an environmentally sound alternative to fossil fuels; and
1 29 WHEREAS, a recent study cosponsored by the United States
1 30 Department of Energy and the American Coalition for Ethanol,
1 31 and conducted by the University of North Dakota Energy and
1 32 Environmental Research Center, and the Minnesota Center for
1 33 Automotive Research, provides evidence that fuel mileage
1 34 increases and motor fuel emissions decrease when motor
1 35 vehicles operate using increased volumes of ethanol blended
2 1 with gasoline; and
2 2 WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is leading
2 3 an effort to establish the scientific basis required by the
2 4 United States Environmental Protection Agency to provide a
2 5 waiver of relevant standards promulgated by the agency under
2 6 the federal Clean Air Act, including but not limited to 42
2 7 U.S.C. } 7545 and 40 C.F.R. pt. 80 for the sale of gasoline
2 8 containing a higher than 10 percent volume of ethanol for
2 9 general use in gasoline-powered engines; NOW THEREFORE,
2 10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 11 CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly urges the United
2 12 States Environmental Protection Agency to actively support all
2 13 research and development needed to make higher ethanol blended
2 14 gasoline, such as E-15, E-20, or E-30, immediately available
2 15 to American consumers; and
2 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General Assembly
2 17 urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to
2 18 immediately commission and complete all studies needed to
2 19 determine issues regarding health, the environment, and engine
2 20 performance using higher ethanol blended gasoline; and
2 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General Assembly
2 22 urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to
2 23 immediately review and approve an application to be submitted
2 24 by the State of Minnesota and the Renewable Fuels Association
2 25 for a waiver to allow consumers to immediately use higher
2 26 ethanol blended gasoline for general use in conventional
2 27 engines; and
2 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this
2 29 Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, and
2 30 the Administrator of the United States Environmental
2 31 Protection Agency; and
2 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this
2 33 Resolution be sent to the President of the United States
2 34 Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of
2 35 Representatives; the Chairperson of the United States Senate
3 1 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; the
3 2 Chairperson of the United States House of Representatives

3 3 Committee on Agriculture; the Secretary of the United States
3 4 Department of Agriculture; and the members of Iowa's
3 5 congressional delegation; and
3 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this
3 7 Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Minnesota.
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